Infiltration of Armed Militants by Pakistan

5132. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan are still involved in the infiltration of armed militants;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact taht there is no decline in the Infiltration especially in the Poonch Sector; and

(c) the action taken towards cracking down on terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Adequate military measures and diplomatic initiatives have been taken to address cross-border terrorism perpetrated by Pakistan ISI in Jammu & Kashmir. The strategies and tactics used by the Unified Headquarters in cooperation with the State Government, to effectively counter infiltration and deal with terrorists are constantly reviewed and monitored. It has resulted in killing of 570 terrorist during the current year (January 1st to May 8th 2002).

CAG's Report on purchase of special purpose Helicopter

5133. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has stated in its latest report that copters and spares appeared to be exorbitant and the radar technology was 18 years old on the purchase of special purpose helicopter worth about Rs. 1000 crores; and

(b) if so, details of action taken/to be taken based on the above report?